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Antoinette Towle, APRN
Director, Health and Polaris Center Services
John J. Allison, Jr., Polaris Center
474 School Street
East Hartford, CT 06108

Re: Certificate of Need Determination; Report Number: 05-30430-DTR
Capital Region Education Council; John J. Allison, Jr., Polaris Center
Polaris School Based Health Center

Dear Ms. Towle:

On January 25, 2005, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your application for exemption from the Certificate of Need ("CON") process for the establishment of a school based health center at the John J. Allison, Jr., Polaris Center, located at 474 School Street, East Hartford, Connecticut.

Please be advised that OHCA has reviewed the information submitted in your request and makes the following findings:

1. The Capital Region Education Council ("CREC") is proposing to establish a school based health center ("clinic") at 474 School Street, in East Hartford, CT.
2. The clinic will be known as the John J. Allison, Jr., CREC Polaris Center School Based Health Center.
3. The John J. Allison, Jr., Polaris Center ("Center") will operate the clinic under the auspices of the Capital Region Education Council.
4. The Center, a non-profit organization, operates a 34-bed residential care facility, which is licensed by the Connecticut Department of Children and Families.

5. The clinic will operate in conjunction with the Center's residential care and educational services, which are also located at the 474 School Street, East Hartford, site.
6. The clinic program will include medical and behavioral health services.
7. The clinic will provide outpatient treatment to school-aged children from East Hartford, Hartford and the surrounding municipalities who are in the care of the Connecticut Department of Children and Families, as well as children who are referred to the center through the Connecticut Juvenile Justice System.
8. There is no associated capital expenditure with this proposal.
9. A March 2005 start date for clinic operations is anticipated.
10. The proposed school based health center will be licensed by the Connecticut Department of Public Health ("DPH") and will meet DPH standards for a comprehensive school-based health clinic.

Based on the above findings, OHCA determines that the proposal meets the requirements of Section 19a-639(e) of the Connecticut General Statutes, and, therefore, is exempt from OHCA's Certificate of Need process.

Thank you for advising OHCA of your plans. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Jack A. Huber, Health Care Analyst at (860) 418-7034.

Sincerely,

Signed by Cristine A. Vogel,
Commissioner

Cc: Rose McLellan, Licensing Examination Assistant, BHSE, DPH

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